







# REPORTS

OF THE

## SELECTMEN, AUDITORS,

AND OF THE

## SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

# TOWN OF AUBURN,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH

1854.

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MANCHESTER:

UNION STEAM PRINTING WORKS—CAMPBELL & GILMORE.

1854.

# REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

## STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State Treasurer,	\$152 60
County       “	260 84
	<u>\$413 44</u>

## SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid District No. 1 in full,	\$27 07
“   “   “ 2 “ .....	38 79
“   “   “ 3 “ .....	61 67
“   “   “ 4 “ .....	42 99
“   “   “ 5 “ .....	36 54
“   “   “ 6 “ .....	37 97
“   “   “ 7 “ .....	44 36
“   “   “ 8 “ .....	41 27
“   “   “ 3 “ in Candia, .....	65
	<u>\$331 31</u>

## SCHOOL HOUSE TAXES.

Paid District No. 7 to Mayhew Clark, ... ..	<u>\$95 00</u>
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## STATIONERY.

<i>Wm. H. Fisk's Bill.</i>	
1853, March 11. Bo't Ink, 25, 1 quire Paper, 20,	45
2 pen-holders 10, Doz. Pens 10, paper &c. 4,	24
March 31. 1 In. Book 30, 1 large do. 1 75,	2 05
July 8. ½ qr. bill paper 10, 1 do. cap do. 20,	30
1854, Jan. 17. 1 quire Bill Paper, .....	26— 3 30
<i>Campbell &amp; Gilmore's Bill.</i>	
1853, April 24. To 50 Surveyor's Warrants, ....	50
<i>J. B. Johnson &amp; Co.'s Bill.</i>	
1854, Feb. 25. 1 quire Fool's-cap Paper, .... .	20
1 dozen Pens and Holders, .....	18— 38
	<u>\$4 18</u>

## SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

*Jacob Burrill's Bill.*

1853, May 26. To Boarding and Nursing Ibrook Burrill and Family to date,....	\$35 00	
To Boarding and Nursing Elizabeth Osgood's Child from March 10, 1853, to March 10, '54	39 00—	74 00

*Jonathan J. Straw's Bill.*

1853, April 23. To Coffin for Ibrook Burrill,....		3 50
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*H. Smith's Bill.*

1853, April 23. To Robe &c. for Ibrook Burrill		1 63
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*L. H. Whitney's Bill.*

1853, April 23. To 1 pair Shoes,.....	95	
1 pair small Shoes,.....	25—	1 20

*Luther Melvin's Bill.*

1853, April 23. To 1 yard Muslin,.....		33
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*Nathan Plummer's Bill.*

1853. To medical attendance on Ibrook Burrill and family from Dec. 23, 1852 to Ap, 24, '53	14 05	
To medical attendance on the Osgood family from Feb. 12 to Dec. 15, 1853, ... ..	19 25—	33 30

*Town of Chester's Bill.*

1854, Feb. 9. To Boarding and Nursing Sally Whorf from Ap. 1, 1853 to Ap. 1, 1854,		60 00
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*John P. Whidden's Bill.*

1853. To Boarding and Nursing Archie Whidden from June 22, 1853, to March 8, 1854— 37 weeks at \$1 per week,.....		37 00
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\$210 96

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## NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAXES WORKED OUT.

Paid Jonathan T. Stevens in District No. 11 for 1851		3 14
" Isaac Hall " " 12 for 1853		10 51
" Jairus Shannon " " 2 "		9 92
" Augustus G. Willey " " 7 "		8 83
" James Watson " " 1 "		4 56
" Thomas J. Crombie " " 9 "		19 46
" Dean Bodwell " " 4 "		10 73
" Abraham Hook " " 13 "		1 39
" Andrew F. Fox " " 3 "		27 26
" Oliver Miles " " 6 "		3 26
" Hendrick Dearborn " " 11 "		1 78
" Nathan K. Harwood " " 8 "		3 74
" Franklin Brown " " 5 "		4 33
" Thomas J. Crombie, Collector for 1853 for sundry certificates of tax worked out by non-res's		21 22

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\$130 10



## IMPROVEMENTS ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

*Gilmore & Buntin's Bill.*

1853, June 18.	To 26 lbs Iron for Bridge, delivered to F. Brown,.....		\$2 08
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*Franklin Brown's Bill.*

1853, June.	To 1½ days work on Straits Bridge,..	1 50	
	Rails and Nails for said Bridge, .....	25—	1 75

*John Moore's Bill.*

1853.	To 1000 ft hard pine Plank at \$12 per M...	12 00	
	12 lbs. Spikes, .....	60—	12 60

*Gilman C. Smith's Bill.*

1853, April 26.	To ½ day's work self and oxen on Candia and Manchester road,.	1 00	
	Thomas J. Crombie ½ day, .....	50—	1 50

*Thomas J. Crombie's Bill.*

1853, August 18.	To 3½ days' work on Candia and Manchester Road,.....	3 50	
Sept. 30.	1 day's work on same, .....	1 00	
Oct. 4.	1½ " " .....	1 50	
Aug. 18.	Paid John Moore, self and oxen 2 days	4 00	
	Cart and Ploughs 2 days... ..	1 00	
Sept. 30.	4 days' work .....	4 00	
Aug. 18.	Paid H. B. Frost for 3½ days' work	3 50	
	Tho's L. Roberts " "	3 50	
	Warren Kelley 2¼ " "	2 75	
	Ephraim Kelley " "	3 50	
Oct. 4.	" " 1½ " "	1 50	
	Jesse Whittemore ½ " "	50	
Aug. 18.	James Severance 1½ " "	1 50	
June 9.	Gilman C. Smith, 1 " "	1 00—	32 75

*Hidden Brown's Bill.*

1853, June 20.	To 1 day's work on Straits Bridge		1 00
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*Jonathan T. Stevens' Bill.*

1852, April 22.	To 3 hands and 1 yoke oxen and cart 1 day repairing highway...		3 53
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*Nathan K. Harwood's Bill.*

1853, Oct. 14.	To 1¼ days' work in Dis. No. 8..		1 25
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*David B. Dickey's Bill.*

1852, April 23.	To 2½ days' work on highway...		2 08
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*John Clark's Bill.*

1853.	To Stick Timber.....	1 00	
	261 feet Plank B. M.....	2 61—	3 61

*John S. Brown's Bill.*

1852, April 23.	To 1½ days' work on highway...		1 25
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*Moses Hall's Bill.*

1853, Oct. 24.	To self, oxen and cart 2½ hours' work in District No. 10... ..		50
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*Augustus G. Wiley's Bill.*

1853, Sept. 6.	To 2 hours work on bridge.....	20	
23.	To 10½ hours on highway.....	1,05	
	" 13 feet plank.....	13	
	" 144 do do .....	1,58	
	" 5 lbs spikes.....	25—	3,21

*Amos Chase's Bill.*

1852, April.	To 1 days work on Campbell's bridge,	1,00	
	" 4 hours do.....	35—	1 35

*Edward D. Eaton's Bill.*

1853, May 29.	To half day repairing roads,....		50
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*Joseph Calef's Bill.*

1853, Oct. 24.	To nine hours repairing roads in District 10,		72
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## BREAKING OUT HIGHWAYS.

*Kendrick Emery's Bill.*

1853, Jan. 18.	To 10 hours breaking roads, ...	80	
	Paid B. S. Stewart, 4½ hours,.....	36	
	" C. P. Emery, 13 " .....	1,04	
	" Hendrick Dearborn, 6.....	48	
	" John Underhill, 1.....	08—	2 76

*Jonathan T. Stevens' Bill.*

1852, Jan. 8.	To 32½ hours breaking roads....	2 60	
12	" 1 " " " .....	08	
19	" 24 " " " " .....	1 92	
20	" 28 " " " " .....	2 24	
23	" 19 " " " " .....	1 52	
Feb. 3	" 28 " " " " ....	2 24	
March 13	" 2 " " " " .....	16—	10 76

*Stephen M. McDuffie's Bill.*

1853, Jan. 14.	To 2½ hours self and oxen break- ing roads.....	40	
Feb. 25, to 3 hours.....		24—	64

*Otiver Miles' Bill.*

1853, Jan. 14.	To 2½ hours self and oxen break- ing roads .....	40—	40
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*Amherst Emery's Bill.*

1853, Jan. 7.	To 5 hours breaking roads.....	40	
	Paid James Calef for 3 hours ...	24	
	James Watson 1 hour .....	8—	72

*David P. Brickett's bill.*

1853, Jan. 17.	To 8 hours breaking roads .....	64	
Feb. 14.	2 hours breaking roads .....	16—	80

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## TOWN CLERK'S SERVICES.

*Harrison Burnham's bill.*

1853. To copying Invoice, Taxes and other services, .....	6 00
Cash paid Dr. Plummer for certificates of births and deaths, .....	1 95
Recording the same, .....	2 35
Cash paid Rev. J. Holmes and Eld. M. Clark, for certificates of marriages, .....	45
Recording the same, .....	54—\$11 29

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1852. Thomas J. Crombie's list for 1852.	
Aaron Crombie, paid in Candia .....	2 12
Daniel Brown .....	1 90
Charles H. Carr, gone from town .....	1 90
1849. John Moore, on his list for 1849.	
Pashpy Bradley gone from town .....	1 50
1853. T. J. Crombie's list for 1853.	
Stephen H. Reid, paid in Manchester ....	1 82
Daniel Emerson, deceased .....	1 14
James H. Watson, deceased .....	1 14
Oliver Welch, gone from town .....	1 33
Richard Dickey, dead .....	31
Samuel Smith .....	1 14
David Emerson, by request .....	1 14
John More, cow lost .....	12
T. J. Crombie, horse lost .....	20—\$15 74

## PRINTING TOWN ACCOUNTS.

*Campbell & Gilmore's bill.*

1853. To printing Accounts for 1852-53 .....	12 00
“ “ School Report .....	6 00— 18 00

*Willard G. Watson's bill.*

1853, March 3. To getting the Town Accounts at Manchester, and distributing the same .....	2 00
	\$20 00

## DEBTS PAID.

1853, March 14. Paid Sophia Sawyer's note and interest .....	55 67
1853, April 4. Paid B. Pike Chase's note and interest .....	282 86
Dec. 32. Paid Edward Prescott, interest on his note up to Sept. 16, 1853, .....	33 81—372 34



## COLLECTOR'S SERVICES.

*Thomas J. Crombie's bill.*1852. To collecting \$2 039 83, at 1½ per cent, \$30 59

## SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S SERVICES.

*James Holmes' bill.*

1853. To services as Superintending School Committee, and making the Annual Report, 10 00

*Mayhew Clark's bill.*To services as Superintending School Com., 3 00—\$13 00

## ATTORNEY SERVICE.

*D. & D. J. Clark's bill.*

1852, Dec. 11. To 2 days' service . . . . . 20 00

Use of horse &amp; carriage, &amp;c., 1 75

1853, Feb. 7. To fee in petition of Sam'l Dinsmore, et. als. . . . . 5 00

July 12. To attending " " " 10 00—\$36 75

## POST OFFICE.

1853, July 1. Paid C. Osgood, postage to date.. 34

L. Melvin, postage from July 1, '53, to Jan. 1, '54.. 21—55

## SUNDRY BILLS.

*Albert H. Hoyt's bill.*

1853. To money assigned to Teachers' Institute, 8 83

*Dennis & Varick's bill.*

1853, March 28. To Cast. Shovel for South burying ground. . . . . 1 12

*Oliver Miles' bill.*

1853, Nov. 29. To 1 day's work laying out road, 1 00

*John Clark's bill.*

1853. To service as Agent against the Dinsmore road . . . . . 10 00

Oct. 15. To 1 day's service as Committee to examine route for new highway. . . . . 1 00

1853. To use of Methodist Meeting House for Town Meeting. . . . . 20 00— 31 00

*Miles & Underhill's bill.*

1853. To building a new pound . . . . . 54 00

*Hugh Crombie's bill.*

1853, Oct. 15. To 1 day's service as Committee to examine route for new highway . . . . . 1 00

*Franklin Crombie's bill.*

1853, Nov. 12.	To 1 day running line between Candia and Auburn.....	2 50	
Nov. 5.	To 1 day survey, laying out road,	2 50—	5 00

*William P. Underhill's bill.*

1853, Oct. 26.	To Auburn's proportion of ex- pense in running line between Chester and Auburn .....		4 25
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*John Moore's bill.*

1853.	To enrolling and returning the 2nd Com- pany of Infantry, 17th Reg., N. H. Militia, for 1853.....		3 00
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*Elisha A. Heath's bill.*

1853.	To cash for land for pound....	2 00	
	Paid H. Burnham for ex. deed .....	25—	2 25

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\$111 45

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## SELECTMEN'S EXPENSES.

*Elisha A. Heath's bill.*

1853, April 21,	To cash paid expense while tak- ing invoice and making appraisal.....	15 13	
25 to 30,	To 25 meals for Selectmen....	4 25	
May 25,	To 8 meals.....	1 33	
26,	To cash paid A. F. Fox, for horse and wagon on town business.....	50	
June 18,	To horse and wagon to Manchester..	50	
Oct. 15,	To Cash paid Oliver Miles, for 5 meals for Selectmen.....	1 00	
27 to 29,	To 3 meals for Selectmen.....	50	
31,	horse and wagon to Sandown.....	1 00	
	To cash paid expense,.....	42	
Nov. 1,	horse and wagon to Manchester.....	50	
	To cash paid expense.....	33	
11 and 12,	To cash paid expense while run- ning line between Auburn and Candia..	1 04	
17,	cash paid Oliver Miles, for 2 dinners for Selectmen.....	40	
1854, Jan. 6.	To cash paid John Robie, of Candia, for 2 dinners for Selectmen....	40	
7,	cash paid expense at Josiah Hall's....	1 50	
Dec. 17 and Feb. 11,	paid expense at H. Burn- ham's.....	3 00	
Feb. 24,	To 2 meals for Selectmen.....	33	
28,	To 4 " " " " .....	80	
Mar. 1,	To 2 " " " " .....	40—	\$33 33



*James Underhill's bill.*

1853, Apr. 23, horse and wagon to Manchester,	75—	75
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*Willard G. Watson's bill.*

1853, horse and wagon to Chester.....	50	
1854, paid for dinners at Candia.....	50—	1 00

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\$35 08

## SELECTMEN'S SERVICES.

*Elisha A. Heath's bill.*

1853, March 12, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business.....	50
Apr. 1 to 21, To $9\frac{1}{2}$ days taking invoice and making appraisal.....	9 50
25 to 28, To 4 days making taxes.....	4 00
29, 30, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days copying surveyors' war.	1 50
May 24, 1 day procuring site for pound.....	1 00
25, 26, 2 days making taxes and collectors' book.....	2 00
30, $\frac{1}{2}$ day to sale of pound, and other bus- iness.....	50
June 4, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business.....	50
18, 1 day at Manchester on town business,	1 00
29, $\frac{1}{2}$ day to see about paupers.....	50
Sept. 19, 1 day on town business.....	1 00
30, $\frac{1}{2}$ day making warrants for town meet- ing.....	50
Oct. 15, 1 day examining route for a new high- way.....	1 00
17, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business.....	50
26, perambulating the line between Chester and Auburn....	1 00
27 to 29, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days preparing notices for land holders on routes petitioned for by S. Dinsmore and others, and John Clark and others.....	2 50
31, Nov. 1, 2 days distributing said notices...	2 00
11, 12, 2 days perambulating town lines between Candia and Auburn .....	2 00
17, 1 day attending the hearing for a new highway, petitioned for by Dinsmore, Clark, and others.....	1 00
Dec. 17, 1 day settling town accounts.....	1 00
1854, Jan. 6, 1 day with Selectmen of Can- dia on town business.....	1 00
7, 1 day settling town accounts.....	1 00
Feb. 11, 1 day settling town accounts.....	1 00
24, 1 day making checks and warrants for town meeting.....	1 00

27, 1½ days preparing Selectmen's and town Treasurer's account.....	1 50	
Mar: 1, 1½ days preparing town accounts for press.....	1 50	
2, 1 day with auditors.....	1 00—	\$41 50

*James Underhill's bill.*

1853, March 12, To ½ day on town business..	50	
Apr. 1 to 21, 14 days taking invoice, making appraisal, &c.....	14 00	
23, 1 day to Manchester.....	1 00	
25 to 27, 3 days making taxes.....	3 00	
May 24, ½ day on town business.....	50	
Sept. 30, ½ day making warrants for town meeting.....	50	
Oct. 15, 1 day examining roads....	1 00	
26, 1 day perambulating town line.....	1 00	
Nov. 11, 12, 2 days “ “ “ .....	2 00	
17, 1 day on road hearing.....	1 00	
29, 1 day laying out road.....	1 00	
Dec. 17, 1 day settling town accounts.....	1 00	
21, ½ day to Candia on town business....	50	
1854, Jan. 7, 1 day settling town accounts....	1 00	
14, 1 day to Candia on town business....	1 00	
Feb. 9, ½ day to Chester to settle for paupers..	50	
11, 1 day settling town accounts....	1 00	
24, 1 day making check list and warrants.	1 00	
Mar. 2, 1 day with Auditors.....	1 00—	32 50

*Willard G. Watson's bill.*

1853, March 12, To ½ day on town business...	50	
“ 19, 1-2 day to Chester.....	50	
Apr. 1 to 21, 14 days taking Invoice, making appraisal, &c, .....	14 00	
23 to 30, 6 days making taxes .....	6 00	
May 17, 1-2 to Manchester on town business..	50	
24, 1 day procuring land for Pound .....	1 00	
25, 1 day making taxes.....	1 00	
26, 1 day making Collector's book.....	1 00	
30, 1-2 day selling the building of Pound.	50	
Oct. 15, 1 day surveying road.....	1 00	
Dec. 21, 1-2 day to Candia on town business..	50	
1854, Jan. 6, “ “ “ “ .....	1 00	
7, 1 day settling town accounts....	1 00	
14, 1 day to Candia on town business	1 00	
Feb. 11, 1 day settling town accounts....	1 00—	30 50

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\$104 50

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## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

*Town of Auburn in account with E. A. Heath, Treasurer.*

	<i>Dr.</i>
Paid State and County Taxes.....	\$413 44
School Money ... ..	331 31
School House Taxes.....	95 00
Stationery .....	4 18
Support of Paupers .....	210 96
Non-resident highway taxes worked out..	130 10
Improvement on highways and bridges...	69 68
Breaking out highways.....	16 08
Town Clerk's services .....	11 29
Abatement of Taxes.....	15 76
Printing town accounts .....	20 00
Debts paid.....	372 34
Collector's services .....	30 59
Superintending School Committee's services	13 00
Attorney's services.....	36 75
Post Office.....	55
Sundry Bills.....	111 45
Selectmen's Expenses.....	35 08
Selectmen's Services.....	104 50
Service and expense of Auditors and ex- pense of Selectmen.....	4 59
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	\$2026 65
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*Town of Auburn in account with E. A. Heath, Treasurer,  
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Balance in Town Treasury March, 1853.....	\$150 20
Borrowed of Nancy Hardy .....	200 00
Received of State Treasurer, Literary Fund....	35 19
“ “ “ Railroad Tax.....	3 36
County of Rockingham.....	64 20
T. J. Crombie, Col'r for 1852, in full .....	363 16
Edward D. Eaton school house tax assessed against him in district No. 3 in Candia.....	4 54
T. J. Crombie, Col'r for 1853, in part	1206 00
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	\$2026 65

STATEMENT.

*The Town owes the following Notes :*

Pike Chase note dated May 10, 1848,.....	\$120 00
Interest on said note to Feb. 23, 1854.....	48 14
Edward Prescott note dated Sept. 16, 1848...	100 00
Interest paid up to Sept. 16, 1853	
Pike Chase note dated Nov. 13, 1848.....	45 00
Interest on said note to Feb. 23, 1854.....	16 21
Nancy Hardy note dated April 2, 1853 .....	200 00
Interest on said note to Feb. 2, 1854.....	10 00
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	\$539 37
Due from T. J. Crombie, Collector for 1853...	366 54
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Balance against the Town.....	\$172 83

ELISHA A. HEATH, } Selectmen  
JAMES UNDERHILL, } of  
WILLARD G. WATSON, } Auburn.

AUBURN, March 2, 1854.

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have this day examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast, with proper vouchers for the several charges, and we recommend that the Town allow the same.

PIKE CHASE, }  
GEO. P. CLARK, } Auditors.  
HIDDEN BROWN, }



# REPORT

## OF THE

### SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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In the rapid flight of time, another season has returned when the law requires a Report of the condition of public schools. The sessions in the various Districts have passed quietly and in our judgment with a good degree of profit, and still we deem it our duty to make reliable statements, respecting each school so far as in our power.

DISTRICT No. 1. Here in the summer they secured a private school of 6 weeks—14 scholars mostly small. The expense was \$12. The public money was expended in the autumn, one term of 13 weeks. A female teacher, who went about her work very quietly. Her instructions seemed thorough and the progress was commendable both to her and the pupils. Number of scholars 22; average attendance 17. Wages \$6 per month.

DISTRICT No. 2. The Summer School was 10 weeks taught by one who has the happy faculty of securing the good will of her scholars.— Number of pupils 22; average attendance 17. Wages \$7 per month.

The Winter School of 5 weeks was taught by the same teacher and for the time the advance was considerable. The leading suggestion the Committee would make to improve the school is greater thoroughness. Number scholars 22; average attendance 19. Wages \$8 per month.

DISTRICT No. 3. The Summer School of 12 weeks was taught by a teacher of the first class. Her government was mild yet decided. Still there was much insubordination on the part of a number of the scholars, and some of the parents we think were not judicious in their remarks and prejudged the matter before seeing for themselves. A goodly number were present at the examination and we have not heard a word of complaint since. The school then appeared extraordinarily well and the scholars seemed to respect the teacher. There was present one who has been teaching most of the time for two years in another town who remarked that "he received as much good from that examination of three hours as he would from attending a Teacher's Institute." Number of scholars 37; average attendance 31. Wages \$9 per month.— The balance of money in this District was so little that they did not have a winter school. And this deficiency was supplied by a select school in the Autumn of 12 weeks, taught by a male teacher of much

energy who it was generally thought kept up the interest excited by a brother who preceded him. Some scholars came from other Districts. The Committee think that some of the scholars had too many different studies which tends to make them superficial. Number of scholars 47. Expense \$115. Also they have had a private school in the winter taught by a female. The School Commissioner was in this school and was interested in its appearance. The Superintending Committee was in twice near the middle but not at the close and can only say that a favorable impression was made. Number of scholars 29; length of school 8 weeks. Expense \$25,25.

DISTRICT No. 4. In this the Summer School was 9 weeks. At the first visit the Committee had a favorable impression and also at the second call. This teacher and the one the last year remarked they found it a hard school to teach. The hooping cough entered the school and disturbed the closing part very much. Would it not in such cases be better to discontinue the school? Number of scholars 28; average attendance 21. Wages \$7 per month.

The Winter School of 5 weeks was taught by a young man who bids fair to make a useful teacher. He is a good scholar for his advantages, but should go farther in some departments and would be much benefited by attending a Teacher's Institute. Progress was especially manifest in Reading. Number of scholars 24; average attendance 19. Wages \$18 per month.

DISTRICT No. 5. There was in this a private school of 4 weeks previous to the public school by the same teacher, but quite a number did not attend the first. Expense \$8,28.

The Summer School was 5 weeks. At the first visit the Committee feared the teacher would be too easy in governing and made this suggestion to her and at the close the school appeared quite well. Number of scholars 28; average attendance 26. Wages \$6 per month.

The Winter School was only 4 weeks. The young man who taught was a beginner and manifested a great deal of interest. The Committee was in the first day and also the 7th day of the school and the change for the better was most marked. The drifting snow prevented the Committee from being present at the close. Our impression is that the scholars did well in the four weeks. Number of scholars 24, average attendance 19. Wages \$14,25 per month.

DISTRICT No. 6. The Summer School commenced in good season, a wise plan for others to imitate. Length of school 12 weeks. Number of scholars 18; average attendance 14. Wages \$6 per month.

The teacher appeared well in the examination and the scholars did credit to her and themselves. She would do better with more energy and by cultivating her own voice thus to arouse the scholars to speak loud and distinct.

The Autumn School was taught by the same teacher 9½ weeks.— Number of scholars 18; average attendance 14. Wages \$6 per month. Four children between 4 and 14 are reported as not attending school any where. The first class of three read very correctly and the recitations were generally prompt.



The wind blew severely the day of examination, rattling the boards and windows of the old school house, detracting much from the interest of the school. It is hoped that the enterprise of that District will erect a new house soon, or drive a few nails in the old one.

DISTRICT No. 7. The Summer School of six weeks, was taught by a beginner, who, we think, by experience, will be highly useful as a teacher. She came on purpose nine miles to be examined, and appeared well. Number of scholars 26—average attendance 25. Wages \$7.

The Winter School of 6 weeks and 4 days, was kept by a female well qualified. The school made much advance for the time in reading, and the recitations were repeated readily. Some few of the scholars studied loud and whispered, a defect which the teacher will no doubt correct in her future efforts, and she may arrive to high eminence in teaching. So far as we could see, she had the confidence and the affection of her pupils. Number of scholars 29, average attendance 27. Wages \$8 per month.

DISTRICT No. 8. All the school in this District was taught by an excellent teacher who did much in a short time. Summer only 4 weeks. Number of scholars 12; average attendance a fraction over 10. Wages \$8 per month.

The Winter School was 6 weeks only. Number of scholars 18; average attendance a little more than 15. Wages \$12 per month. This teacher gives no leading questions, and the scholars learn to have confidence in what they know. The classes in arithmetic had received much profit.

LENGTH of SCHOOLS—No. 1, 15 weeks; No. 2, 15 weeks; No. 3, 12 weeks; No. 4, 14 weeks; No. 5, 9 weeks; No. 6, 21½ weeks; No. 7, 12 weeks and 4 days; No. 8, 10 weeks; averaging a fraction over 14 weeks to a district—only nine weeks of it taught by male teachers. Last year we had 19 weeks to a district. This does but little more than keep the knowledge of children where it is. If the schools were twice as long, the benefit would be usually three times as much; for the last few weeks of a good school are the best. The present policy is like laying the foundation for a house, or putting up the frame, and then leaving the work. Some say it is better to have half a loaf than none at all. But is it necessary to leave the minds of youth in this town to famish? Reckon the amount of money brought into town each month for labor, lumber and produce, and will it be reasonable to allow ignorance to triumph? Select and private schools do something, but they cannot do all. As it now is, many are neglected who might do much at school.

WRITING AND SPELLING. There should be more attention paid in schools to both of these. The teachers would do well to cultivate their own penmanship, and set copies in a larger hand, and see that the learner imitates the copy and holds his pen correctly. Some teachers forget to show the writing to the committee. Every scholar should aim to be-

come a good speller. For the want of this, some of the most amusing and ridiculous sentences are formed.

**SCHOOL HOUSES.** Many of these need repairs, and some need to be made new. Nos. 2 and 6 are the worst, and surely are not fit for school purposes.

**SCHOOL REGISTERS.** The teacher in No. 3 made out hers with accuracy and taste, and some others are in a good degree correct, while others are very defective. The requirement is—immediately after the close of the school the teacher will deliver the register to the Superintending School Committee. This is often neglected, and has caused many miles ride and time and trouble to get them.

**PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.** Should seek the best teachers, for a short good school is better than a long poor one; and should notify each member of the Superintending School Committee of the close of the school in season to insure attendance. The chairman has not time to send eight miles to notify the other two.

**TEACHERS.** These stand in a most responsible position, and their aim should be higher than the pay they receive. They should seek higher qualifications. Several who have taught in this town, should attend school much more, and attend the Teachers' Institute—learn to impart knowledge with ease, and how to govern successfully. Without order we cannot have a good school. Some teachers help the scholars to answer the questions, and put them in the way to be answered by yes and no. In this way the ability of the pupil is not drawn out. Many teachers are not thorough, their eyes must be on the book or they are in doubt and such cannot be energetic in teaching and discipline. Parents who never visit the school have no adequate impression how great is the difference among teachers. The benefit of the best teachers is not always seen at the first and the scholars do not always praise the best teachers but those who allow excessive liberty.

**PARENTS.** They should invite the teachers to their houses and at first freely make any suggestions they wish respecting their children.—If at home there is disobedience, what shall we think of a teacher with 20, 30 or more. Should not parents look well to their own children before they find fault with teachers, and of these it is not often right to speak disrespectfully or mention their failings before children. A lad in a town not far distant went into a Summer School one day and disturbed the scholars and was not willing to obey as he only visited it.—The father made his son go in the next day, confess his disrespect, and he did it frankly. If all parents would pursue a like course, children will not become insubordinate and rebellious.

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